

STATE OF WASHINGTON



OFFICE OF  
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

*In the Matter of* )  
 ) No. G 97 – 9  
 )  
 **The Market Conduct Examination** ) **AMENDED FINDINGS,**  
 **of King County Medical Blue Shield.** ) **CONCLUSIONS, AND**  
 ) **ORDER ADOPTING REPORT**  
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**BACKGROUND**

An examination of the market conduct of King County Medical Blue Shield (the Company) as of November 4, 1996, was conducted by market conduct examiners of the Washington state Office of the Insurance Commissioner. The Company is a health care service contractor registered under RCW 48.44.015. This examination was conducted in compliance with the laws and regulations of the State of Washington and in accordance with the procedures promulgated by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and the Office of the Insurance Commissioner. This examination was limited to time service for claim payments on those claims for the Clallam County Physician Service area providers.

The examination report with the findings and recommendations was transmitted to the Company for its comments on December 13, 1996. Responses to the draft report were received on February 3 and February 7, 1997. The Company did not request a hearing.

The Commissioner or a designee has considered the report, the relevant portions of the examiner workpapers, and the submission by the Company.

Subject to the right of the Company to demand a hearing pursuant to chapters 48.04 and 34.05 RCW, the Commissioner adopts the following findings, conclusions, and order.

### **FINDINGS**

The Commissioner adopts as findings the findings of the examiners as contained on page 6 of the report.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

It is appropriate and in accordance with law to adopt the attached examination report as the final report of the market conduct of King County Medical Blue Shield.

### **ORDER**

The examination report as filed, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, is hereby **ADOPTED** as the final examination report.

ENTERED at Lacey, Washington, this 25th day of September, 1997.

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Insurance Commissioner

By:

WILLIAM E. FRANSEN

Deputy Commissioner